

Interim Decision #2030

MATTER OF MEDINA
In Visa Petition Proceedings

A-19176697

Decided by Regional Commissioner March 18, 1970

Petitioner, who in 1963 obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce with a major in accounting, but who has never been employed as a professional accountant nor in a professional occupation, is not now a member of the professions and is ineligible for preference classification under section 203(a) (3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, as an accountant.

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This case comes forward on appeal from the decision of the District Director, San Francisco, who denied the petition on September 18, 1969 in that the appellant had failed to establish that she was a member of the professions and was, therefore, not eligible for classification under section 203(a) (3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

Oral argument was requested and granted. Counsel for appellant appeared as scheduled.

The appellant is a 28-year-old single female, a native and citizen of the Philippines residing in Canada. She filed the present petition on May 9, 1969 for classification under section 203(a) (3) of the Act as a member of the professions as a "Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce" to seek work in Accounting in the United States. In support of her petition she presented evidence of graduation from a university in the Philippines in March 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and a major in Accounting. Form ES-575A, "Statement of Qualifications of Alien" shows that from April 1967 to December 1967 she was employed as a personnel clerk for a bank in the Philippines and from July 1968 to December 1969 first as a secretary for the Air Force in